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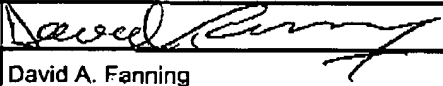
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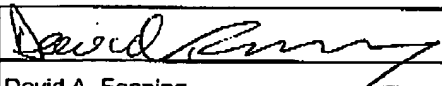
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THIRD AMENDMENT – AFTER FINAL

This amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed August 10, 2005. Applicant asks the Examiner to cancel claims 10 and 30-39 without prejudice in order to place the application in condition for allowance or, alternatively, to focus the issues for appeal. Applicant's remarks follow the claims.